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It has not yet been decided among the leaders in Northwest China whether to follow the example of FU Tso-yi and make peace with the Chinese Communists or to continue the struggle. Governor TUNG Chii-其 武 ) of Suiyuan Province appears unable to make up his mind; CHANG, Chairman of the Suiyuan Provincial Council wants peace. However, O Yu-san (野友三), Suiyuan military commander, wants to fight. O was once a student at the Central Military Academy and, during World War II, led a guerrilla group in the Tachling Mountains (111-, 41-) against the Japanese.

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- 2. The Ninghsia Provincial troops who were stationed at Kueisui (111-37, 40-47) and Paotou (110-03, 40-36) prior to December 1948 have returned to Minghsia Province and are now scattered among the villages southwest and southeast of Yinch van. \*\* There is still one infantry regiment at Tengkou (106-48, 39-56). Travel controls in this area are strict because MA Tun-ching (長 敦 前), Acting Governor of Ninghsia Province, does not know whether Governor TUNG will follow FU Tso-yi's example, since many officials in the province have believed that TUNG would follow FU.
- 3. On 28 January 1949 Prince A of Yehejo League\*\*\* went to Kueisui via Paotou to consult with Governor TUNG, and it is probable that TUNG and A will make their decision together and that Yehejo League will be split by several cliques.
- 4. Among the Mongol leaders in the Northwest, the following have agreed to unite and defend the area against the Chinese Communists;\*\*\*\* Prince TE, Prince TA, Prince TtU, Prince HSIUNG of Silingol League, Altanwachir, HSIUNG No, PPC commander of Urat Center Banner (108-40, 41-40), PAI Hai-feng (白海掌) and HAN Yu-ju (韓裕如), Chief of Staff of the Ordos Right Flank Forward Banner (109-15, 39-00) PPC Headquarters. Prince LIN of Urat Center Banner arrived at Tingyuanying (Alashan Banner/ 105-36, 38-48) on 9 February 1949. His son, who is HSIUNG No, and Dagwasoser are now attempting to persuade him to join the other leaders in their defense.

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- 5. After his arrival in Lanchou (103-41, 36-03) late in January 1949, Prince TE held several discussions with PAI Hai-feng and Prince TA, after which he went to the President's Northwest Bandit Suppression Headquarters in Lanchou to request that the Mongols in the Northwest, particularly those in the Alashan-Yehejo territory, be granted locat autonomy and weapons with which to defend themselves against the Chinese Communist forces. Northwest Commander CHANG Chih-chung was not in Lanchou\*\*\*\*\* and TE was therefore received by CHANG's deputy, Commander LO, who gave his verbal approval of the idea. Nothing concrete, however, was said or done. TE subsequently decided that whatever the policy of the Northwest Headquarters might be, he would devote himself to organizing all the Mongol leagues and banners in the Morthwest in an attempt to establish a free Mongolia, since China now has only nominal jurisdiction over Mongol areas and the political-military situation there is unclear. Prince TA is in full agreement with this plan. TE's subordinates and their dependents departed from Lanchou for Tingyuanying on 21 February; TE himself and Prince TA planned to go there on 1 March.
- 6. On 19 February 1949 Governor MA Hung-kiuei of Ninghsia Province told Prince TE that the Mongol troops from Manchuria and Silingol League who had been moving westward since the fall of Chinchou (121-07, 41-07) in October 1948\*\*\*\*\* were then north of Kueisui and that some of them had probably reached Shanpa (107-08, 40-59). On 17 February PAI Hai-feng stated that some of Uljiwachir's troops had also moved into the area north of Kueisui and Paotou in an attempt to establish some sort of contact with non-Communist Mongol troops in that area. PAI has been delayed in setting up his planned temporary headquarters at Shanpa.
- 7. Prince T'U, Chief of Yehejo League, is seriously ill in Ninghsia and his subordinates fear that he may not live. T'U's secretary is "Little" YUN Yao-chen (雲 煌 宸), a native of Tumen in Suiyuan (sic) and a graduate of Peiping University.



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